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SUBJ: ETHIOPIAN REACTION TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S REMARKS RE
CUBAN PRESENCE

REF: ADDIS ABABA 3322 (NOTAL)

1. JUNE 2 ETHIOPIAN HERALD CARRIED MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS (MOFA) REACTION TO MAY 31 PRESIDENT CARTER
STATEMENT ABOUT PRESENCE CUBAN MILITARY PERSONNEL IN
ETHIOPIA. MOFA SPOKESMAN CLAIMED CARTER STATEMENT HAD
"NO BASIS IN FACT" AND THAT "CUBANS IN ETHIOPIA ARE
ENGAGED IN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND HEALTH SERVICES".
IN ADDITION STATEMENT ASSERTED "ETHIOPIAN CAN INVITE ANYONE
FROM ANY COUNTRY REGARDLESS OF NATUREOF SKILL THAT
PERSON MAY POSSESS..THIS IS SOVEREIGN PREROGATIVE AND
EXERCISE OF THAT SOVEREIGNTY IS NOT FUNCTION OF FEELINGS
OF PRESIDENT CARTER AND HIS ADMINISTRATION."

2. COMMENT: MOFA STATEMENT REFLECTS CONTINUED
ETHIOPIAN SENSITITIVY TO ADMINISTRATION STATEMENTS
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RE CUBAN PRESENCE IN ETHIOPIA (REFTEL). MOFA HAS
ADOPTED STORY CUBAN DIPLOMATS TELLING ON LOCAL
DIPLOMATIC CIRCUIT, I.E., THERE NO MILITARY
TECHNICIANS HERE, ONLY MEDICAL PERSONNEL. CUBAN
EXPLANATIONBEING DISCOUNTED BY RESIDENT DIPLOMATS.
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